MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. The question of supplying copies to the members will be considered when the Report is likely to come up before this House.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is there any restriction in the matter of supplying such books to the Members?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is absolutely no restriction. When the matter is likely to come up before the Council, the question will be considered.

Mahomedan Clerks in the Secretariat and in the Account Office.

60. MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Mahomedan clerks (both graduates and non-graduates) in the Secretariat and the Account Office?

(*b*) When did each enter service?

(*c*) When was each confirmed?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). A statement,* showing the names, date of first entertainment and the date of confirmation of the Mahomedan clerks now in service in the Secretariat and the Account Office, is placed on the table.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the main principle followed by them in confirming acting clerks?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The senior acting clerk is confirmed before the juniors are confirmed. That is the principle ordinarily followed.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): In Appendix II, M. Mahomed Yusuff Sait has been first entertained on 29-11-1093 as L. G. clerk, and on 27-11-1093 as H. G. third class clerk. How is that?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Before the gentleman took the B. A. degree, he was entertained in the Secretariat as a lower grade clerk.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): It is stated in the Appendix that he was entertained as L. G. clerk on the *29th* and as Higher Grade third class clerk on the *27th*. How can that be? Is it a printer's mistake?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It seems so. The date given is wrong. The year 1093 is a printer's mistake for 1097.

Alignment of a Tramway in the Shendurni Valley.

61. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Conservator of Forests submitted a scheme for the alignment of a tramway in the Shendurni Valley;

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 294.

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(*b*) whether the Government sanctioned the scheme;

(*c*) whether the Government appointed a special officer and a staff of officers;

(*d*) whether the Special Officer and his staff did some work for a few days; and

(*e*) whether the Special Officer and his staff have been now withdrawn from the work, and, if so, why?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have sanctioned the enumeration and valuation of the stock of timber in the Shendurni Valley, with a view to consider whether the result of the enumeration would warrant the opening of a tramway.

(*c*) No special officer was appointed for the work. The work was ordered to be conducted by the normal staff of the department, one of the Assistant Conservators in the department being deputed for it.

(*d*) The Assistant Conservator with the normal staff did some work.

(*e*) As it was not feasible to divert funds from the sanctioned budget for the current year to meet the expenditure, the work has been held in abeyance.

Number of Arrack and Toddy Shops opened in 1098 and 1099.

62. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of arrack and toddy shops actually opened in 1098 and 1099?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The information required is given in the subjoined statement:—

Year.	*No. of arrack shops.*	*No. of toddy shops.*
1098	638	1,375
1099	638	1,377

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): From the answer, I find that the number of toddy shops is on the increase. May I refer the member to the answer given to question No. 5 (*b*) in No. I, Volume II, of the Council Proceedings? The answer runs as follows:—

"The policy of the Government has always been to check the evil of drunkenness, by making drinking increasingly difficult, expensive and unattractive. In view to this object, they have reduced the number of shops, increased the tree-tax and the duty and the price of arrack and toddy, and reduced the issue-strength of arrack."

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): That policy has not been changed.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): But the number of shops has increased.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): In the Tiruvalla and the Ambalapuzha taluks, there were no bidders for 2 shops owing to the anti-tapping movement. Subsequently, bidders

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